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January 11, 1961

Honorable Dean Rusk
Department of State
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Dean:

I believe Chet Bowles discussed with you at lunch yesterday the problem that Cord Meyer raised with him regarding White House support this year for the annual fund-raising campaign in support of Radio Free Europe.

The attached exchange of letters has been cleared within the Department of State and we would hope that, if you also approve, you could obtain the President-elect's approval and signature of a letter along the general lines proposed, at an early date. Mr. Murphy's signed letter will be delivered, if approved.

Both President Truman and President Eisenhower gave their strong support to this effort, and President Eisenhower's letter of last February is attached. I would not bother you at this time except that the fund-raising appeal is starting in a few days and depends heavily on early evidence of the President-elect's interest.

I would be happy to answer any questions you may have. If Mr. Kennedy prefers, no use would be made of this letter until after January 20th.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles
Director

*no copy filed WER copy of
letter from Eisenhower
to Murphy dated 19 Feb. 60.
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Attachments

AWD:at cc: DDCI, DCI, ER, C/IO

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